



Up to the Minute SPORTING NEWS From Everywhere.



BY "CLUG"

Jess Willard the Only Big Sensation of the Year 1915

AN UNKNOWN 'DUB'

In Few Short Months He's
Gained Fame and Fortune.

Few Critics Thought He Could
Ever Lick Johnson.

In Jess Willard, a native of Emmett, Kansas, our good old Sunflower state produced about the only sensation there has been in the domain of boxing during the year 1915.

The year has, indeed, been a quiet one for the devotees of the squared circle, and except for Willard's unexpected defeat of Johnson there has been nothing more startling than the claim of Johnny Ertle to the bantamweight title on the grounds that "Kid" Williams fouled him, and the somewhat spectacular manner in which Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, has sidestepped all meetings that promised, even remotely, to endanger his crown.

But Willard's triumph was an event of sufficient importance to make the year a memorable one to almost every one who pretends to be a fight fan—memorable because it marked the end of the supremacy of the colored race in the ring, and because the man who accomplished the momentous task of licking the hitherto invincible Jack Johnson was an unknown quantity a few months before the Havana fight was staged.

Willard a Surprise.

This time last year there were few fight critics anywhere who thought that Willard could even hold his own against the big black, and when the fight was finally waged Johnson was an overwhelming favorite because of his chain of unbroken victories, ranging over a period of about fifteen years. The fact that Johnson had lived a life of ease in Paris and London since his defeat of Jim Jeffries, and the fact that Willard had developed from a green dub into a finished, polished, artistic fighter seemed to be entirely overlooked when critics discussed the battle.

But the big man of Emmett, not only proved a better battler than Johnson, but he actually let the latter hit him at will and then ended the fight after having kicked along his opponent for several rounds.

Soon it will have been a year since the title passed to Willard, and during the intervening time he has made thousands of dollars which have well compensated him for the lean share he got out of the \$60,000 Havana receipts.

Immediately after the fight, Tom Jones, Willard's manager and the real maker of him, arranged a stage tour that he thought would make the money roll in. The tour lasted for several weeks, but after coming west it was abandoned when Willard was offered a contract, said to have called for \$1,000 a day, to become a side attraction with the 161 Wild West show.

With this show Jess became a big hit and it is said that after buying off his contracts with Weber and Bragge for \$25,000 in cash, and his manager made over \$25,000 before 1915 went into winter quarters.

It is expected that Willard will defend his title again soon after the first of the year, but the calling off of the Fulton fight at New Orleans seems to have left his plans somewhat up in the air.

A New Heavyweight Hope.

New York, Dec. 30.—A new heavy weight marvel, hailing from Des Moines, Mont., has arrived here. He's even bigger than Jess Willard, and Louis Bodie is his name. Bodie has put himself under the management of Henry Irmlinger, who also handles matters for Tom McCarty. Irmlinger met Bodie at the Pennsylvania station, and took the mammoth around for a look at the sights. It was Bodie's first view of the big town or anything like it.

All-Star Team Defeats Highs.

The Central Y. M. C. A. all-star basketball team defeated the high school team in the latter's first game of the season Wednesday night by the score of 36 to 21.



The Above Picture Is Considered One of the Best Ever Made of Champion Jess Willard.

Willard-Fulton Fight at New Orleans Has Been Called Off

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—The 29-round fight for the heavyweight championship scheduled for March 4 in this city between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton of Minnesota, was definitely declared off Wednesday by Tom Jones, Willard's manager, and Tommy Burns, local promoter, who was a partner of Dominick J. Lortorich in the agreement fight.

Burns later telegraphed to Ike Dorgan, manager for Frank Moran of Pittsburgh, offering Moran \$7,500 for a fight with Willard here March 4 or 6. Jones stated that Willard would meet Moran if the Pittsburgh man accepted Burns's offer and terms suitable to Willard were arranged.

Jones also stated that unless a better proposition is made Willard would accept an offer made by T. S. Andrews of Milwaukee, for a ten-round championship match with Fulton in Milwaukee February 22. Jones showed a telegram he received from Andrews offering Willard \$25,000 for the fight.

Formal announcement that the Willard-Fulton match here had been declared off was made after a conference between Burns and Jones at which the promoter insisted that Fulton be required to win an elimination bout with

some well known heavyweight before fighting Willard.

Jones said he was opposed to Fulton meeting any other fighter before he fought the champion, and insisted that Willard would meet Fulton before accepting any other challenge.

May Go to Milwaukee.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Mike Collins, Fulton's manager, had not received word from New Orleans, but he said he thought Willard would meet Fulton as Tom Jones, the champion's manager, had promised when the first doubt about the New Orleans match arose several days ago. Collins said he was in momentary expectation of word from Jones.

"Tom Andrews, of Milwaukee, has offered a purse of \$25,000 for a ten-round bout between Willard and Fulton, to take place in February," Collins said. "I feel confident he will get the match if the New Orleans goes off. I have faith in Jones's assertion that if Tommy Burns called the New Orleans match off he would give Fulton the first chance at the champion, and he would rather that Tom Andrews get the fight than to permit Burns change the terms of the match as originally arranged."

BROWNS TO GET KAUFF.

Magee Will Play Second for Cubs in Latest Report.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—Eenny Kauff will join the new Browns and Lee Magee will play second base for the Chicago Cubs, according to information received here. Harry Sinclair is to dispose of the two Federal league stars to his two friends, Wegman and Hall, who purchase clubs in the peace arrangement. With Kauff joining the Browns, Fielder Jones will have thirteen outfielders. The others are Jacobson, Shotton, Till Walker, Sloan, Lee, Marsans, Tobin, Ward Miller, Compton, Drake, Sisler and Kirby.

The case of Compton, the former

Kansas City American Association Outfielder, May Furnish a Case for the National Commission.

Late in the last season Compton jumped from the Kansas City Blues to the St. Louis Federals. That was at a time when Jones needed an outfielder badly. George Tebeau, Kansas City owner, had been dickering with the Boston Nationals for Compton's sale and the outfielder went to the Braves after Tebeau had won a suit in St. Louis court. However, Compton, whose contract with Kansas City expired at the end of last season, signed a contract with the St. Louis Federals for this year. He also is said to be under contract with the Boston Nationals.

There are 162,725 registered autos in Pennsylvania.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Topeka Pin Knockers Organize to Play Regular Schedule.

Four Teams in League; First Play Wednesday Night.

Through the efforts of "Doc" Hollinger, a four team bowling league has been formed by the ten pin enthusiasts of Topeka, and interest in bowling promises to become greater than it has been here in years.

Each team will be composed of six men, and the matches will be held on Wednesday and Friday nights of each week. The league will begin operations next Wednesday and the schedule is to close on March 24. The league will do most of its playing, and probably all, on the Stag alleys.

The four teams that have entered have not been named, but will be given fitting and appropriate handles before the schedule is begun. It is possible that two more teams will be added to the league before the opening. If enough bowlers show a desire to get in.

To stimulate interest and keep the players on all teams working hard throughout, Promoter Hollinger has offered a new Mineralite ball to the individual player who makes the most consistent score during the whole tournament, and a diamond ring to the player who repeats his best score. Other prizes will be offered to teams and individuals.

RIFLE CLUB SCORES.

Second Official Shoot of Topeka Team Held Wednesday Night.

The second official shoot of the Topeka Rifle club team that is competing in the National Rifle tournament was held Wednesday night on the indoor range of the club in the basement of the H. B. Howard company store.

Pettit made the high individual score with 94 out of a possible 100, for single targets. Blecknell and Springstead tied in the total team match, each having a score of 180 out of a possible 200. Other scores were: Ericsson, 178; Pettit, 177, and Bell, 172.

The next official shoot will be held next Wednesday night. H. B. Howard, of the local club, announces that 72 cities are preparing to compete in the tournament, instead of only 48, as had been anticipated.

KANSAS LEADS 'EM ALL.

Sunflower State Produces the World's Greatest Horseshoe Pitchers.

Kansas lays claim to being the home of champions in many branches of athletics, but apparently the state has more champion horseshoe pitchers than any other.

Three world's championship pitching matches have been held within the state's borders in the last few months and being none, it has been announced, to arrange for a fourth. A. E. Hollingsworth has sent forth a challenge to the world from Queensbury, Hollingsworth in his challenge, asserts that he defeated Robert Pierce, the Kansas City champion, in six straight games, and that he has never been defeated.

WHITE TO MEET TED LEWIS.

American Lightweight Champion Has Three Bouts Booked for January.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—Charlie White is whanging away at the punchline of the Cleveland club's fate. Prior to the meeting which was set for twelve o'clock, George P. Steele, representing the bankers' committee which is handling the affairs of C. W. Somers, owner of the local club, announced that the Cleveland holdings must be sold.

President B. B. Johnson said today that if the club is sold, as seems certain, it will go to outside capitalists, as no one has been found in Cleveland who is willing to bid for it. Prominently mentioned as possible buyers among baseball men are Ed Gwinn, owner of the Pittsburgh Federals, and Harry Sinclair, liquidating agent for the Federal League.

Chess Association Elects.

At a meeting of those in attendance at the annual across the board tournament of the Kansas State Chess association Wednesday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: H. W. Craig, president; C. F. Salmeil, vice president, and H. H. Robinson, secretary-treasurer. The tournament will close tonight.

Donate Hospital Funds.

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A FEW "DON'T FORGETS" FOR THOSE WHO PLAY GOLF

Don't forget that a ball in play may be lifted for the purpose of identification only with the opponent's consent, otherwise a penalty of one stroke is incurred.

Don't forget that in playing through the green, irregularities of surface shall not be removed nor pressed down. Penalty, loss of hole.

(Note.—Dung, worm-casts, molehills, snow and ice are loose impediments and can be removed.)

Don't forget that any loose impediment lying within a club's length only of the ball, and not being in or touching a hazard, may be removed without penalty; if the ball move after any such loose impediment within a club's length has been touched by the player, his partner, or either of their caddies, the penalty shall be one stroke.

HE HAD MANY FRIENDS

Death of Tom Shevlin Brings Grief to Many in Chicago.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—The death of Tom Shevlin, former Yale football hero and millionaire lumberman, came as a shock to scores of members of the Yale club of Chicago.

Bruce D. Smith, a prominent local golfer, was one of whom Shevlin's death came as a great shock. Smith was Shevlin's roommate at New Haven in 1902 and 1904.

"Shevlin was one of the greatest natural athletes I have ever known," said Mr. Smith. "He was holder of the world's intercollegiate record for the twelve pound hammer, made while in the preparatory school we both attended."

"As is always the case with men of Shevlin's strong personality and character he had scores of bitter enemies and hundreds of devoted friends. His enemies he made by his single purpose that of doing a thing and doing it his way, no matter whosever's toes he trod upon."

Innumerable tales have grown up around Shevlin's athletic achievements and the eccentricities he exhibited in his athletic work.

The story of Shevlin's first appearance at Northrup field, Minneapolis, where he started coaching the Gophers, is touched by many. According to the story Shevlin happened to be in Minneapolis on business and concluding his engagements went to the football field to watch the practice.

He was dressed in a business suit, a heavy overcoat and a derby hat and wore a pair of light colored gloves.

He came on the field to give a few pointers. After about four plays he jerked one of the substitutes out of the line, then crouched down into position. At the end of an hour's work he had taught his charges some inside pointers of football and his name and theirs were hanging from him in shreds.

SOMERS TO LOSE OUT?

Bankers' Committee Says the Cleveland Indians Must Be Sold.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30.—The principle force against the meeting of baseball magnates of the American league here today was the settlement of the Cleveland club's fate. Prior to the meeting which was set for twelve o'clock, George P. Steele, representing the bankers' committee which is handling the affairs of C. W. Somers, owner of the local club, announced that the Cleveland holdings must be sold.

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Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

Dear Sir: Please publish these lines. They may not be good poetry, but they can be used as a prediction and a warning just now, and as an epitaph next fall.

C. K. B.

The lines: Once he was chief of a Savage tribe And looked like a promising fellow; But he tried to lead a pack of Wolves And they buried his bones in the cello.

It is announced that Hugh Jones will be in Lincoln January 5, at which time Duckey Holmes' stock company hopes to officially relieve him of his Tiggers.

Joe Tinker had his gall stones removed the week before Christmas, but still the ex-Whale manager thinks he can lead the Cubs to a N. L. victory in 1916.

Harry Sinclair, whose bluff that he would put the Kansas City Federal franchise in New York probably was responsible for organized baseball coming to peace terms, began his career as a drug clerk in Tulsa, Okla.

Sinclair fell into a little wad of money through an accident. Yes, he collected on his accident policy, and invested the wad in oil. A short time later he built a \$150,000 mansion, and then to prove that he was a real millionaire, undertook to back the Federal league.

What does Hedges or any one else want to buy the Reds for?

If the St. Louis Browns and the Cubs are allowed to carry 50 or 60 players they at least ought to be able to finish in the first division.

The fact that Fred Fulton was born in Kansas and admits it hasn't caused much of a stir among native sons.

Not satisfied with taking basketball to the lecture platform, Johnny Bender, coach at K. S. A. C., is now devoting a part of his time to a scheme to put the lid on kicking in football games as much as possible.

Bender suggests that the drop kick and the place kick be done away with altogether. "Too many games are won in this way," he says. "The stunt is a highly specialized one, and does not show the true strength or power of a team." If these kicks can't be done away with, the Aggie coach suggests that they be made to count only two points.

Also, Bender would make the kicking of goal after a touchdown harder. To do this, he suggests that the upright goal posts be made higher and a second cross bar put at the top. This would leave a square opening between the cross bars and uprights, and he would have the kicker boot the ball through this square to count the additional point.

In other words, Bender would take a little of the foot out of football and add a little more circus to the game.

The St. Louis spring series between the Browns and Cardinals will be played only on Saturdays and Sundays, it is announced.

Drury Underwood, writing in the Chicago Herald, says there are such things as left-handed blacksmith shops where the anvil, the bellows and other tools are made specially for southpaws. He also says there are left-handed fiddlers. And he should have added a few left-handed pitchers.

The world will probably never know how much disappointment over the Harvard defeat contributed to the death of Tom Shevlin.

As the leading welterweight of the country, Ted Davis is now in a position to make some real money. However, the announcement that he will meet Charlie White in N. Y. next month shows that lightweight purses still draw him to the old class.

Fielder Jones now has 57 players on the roster of the Fed-Brown team he is slated to manage next season. And of this little army only 21 are pitchers.

Bar Johnson is quoted as saying the minors will have to get out of Cleveland. When did they get in?

Ad Wolgast predicts that Fulton will win from Willard when they meet in New Orleans, and he says that he expects to make a cleaning on the fight. But Wolgast is as bad off in his predictions as he is in his fighting just now. Fulton won't even get a chance.

Aggie Engineers Choose Head.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Frank M. White, Madison, Wis., was today elected president of the American society of Agricultural engineers.

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LAW DIDN'T SAVE HIM

Crooks Caught Iowa Solon in Spite of His "Blue Sky" Statute.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 30.—Ex-Representative M. L. Burt, author of Iowa's "blue sky" law, has appealed to the state supreme court a case where in he charges he was victimized in the same sort of fraud that his law is designed to prevent.

The deal included territory rights for a patent fence mold, for which Mr. Burt gave an \$800 note. When he found he had been defrauded, he says, he refused to pay the note. The district court decided against him, so he appealed.

Attorneys for the other side in the litigation assert that Mr. Burt, as author of the law, should have known what he was going into and should have recognized the fraud at once, if there was one.

MUTT & JEFF—You can't expect a new bun after a bitten one—

Drawn for the Topeka State Journal By BUD FISHER

SEE THESE CURRANT BUNS ARE GREAT. THESE MUST BE SOME THEY HAD LEFT OVER FROM THE OFFICERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER.

YOU SAY THEY ALLOW EACH MAN TWO BUNS, WELL THANKS FOR BRINGING MINE TO ME.

HEY, JEFF, THERE'S A FLY IN THIS BUN. TAKE IT BACK AND EXCHANGE IT FOR ME.

SURE I'LL TAKE IT BACK.

JEFF'S A PRETTY GOOD OLD PAL AT THAT. HE'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, EVEN EXCHANGE A BUN.

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